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Forbes announces over \$21 million for Fort Lee

Washington, D.C. – Congressman J. Randy Forbes (VA-04) announced today that Fort Lee would receive over \$21 million in federal funding in the Military Construction Appropriations Conference Report for Fiscal Year 2004.

“At Fort Lee, and on military installations across the country, we owe a great deal of thanks to our men and women in uniform – and their families. They give so much for our country, they deserve no less than the best housing, equipment, and services that we can provide,” Forbes said.

Forbes continued: “The appropriations bill will allot \$3.85 million for continued construction of the Fort Lee Fire and Emergency Services Center. It would also appropriate \$18 million to build 90 new housing units for noncommissioned officers, replacing the 40-plus year-old quarters where these officers and their families currently reside.”

In a recent editorial, Forbes questioned why the U.S. continues to contribute American dollars to overseas bases, when our own domestic military bases are in jeopardy of being closed. The \$18 million appropriation for Fort Lee, will be made available from funding set aside by the Department of Defense for construction projects at overseas U.S. military bases in Iceland, Turkey, Germany, and Korea. The Department cut construction funding to these overseas bases so that U.S. domestic military installations, such as Fort Lee, could make necessary housing improvements and renovations.

“At a time when BRAC is on everyone’s mind in Virginia and across the nation, the funding in this appropriations bill will help Fort Lee to make improvements and continue to prosper.”

The bill will now be reviewed in the Senate, and then be presented to President Bush to be signed into law.

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